

BRUTAL WORK AT ROANOKE

WILD VENGEANCE ON A NEGRO.

WITH BULLETS.

DETERMINED MEN SEIZE THEIR VICTIM BEFORE
DAYBREAK AS HE IS BEING TAKEN BACK
TO LAKE AND RUN THE NEAREST TRAIN

TO JAIL AND USE THE NEAREST TREE
FOR A GALLOW-S. A CLERGY-
MAN'S BRAVE ACT.

Romano, Va., Sept. 21.—Robert Smith, the negro who assaulted Mrs. Henry Bishop yesterday, and in the riot over whom several citizens were shot, was hanged shortly before 5 o'clock this morning. While J. Allen Watts, Judge Woods and others were addressing the crowd, S. Regent Griffin, with two officers, took the negro from the jail and spirited him out of town. They carried him across the river into the woods, but toward daylight they were informed that squads of men were scouring the adjacent country. They thought it best to bring their prisoner back to town and place him in jail. They were proceeding to the jail when a squad of men, about twenty in number, rushed upon them and took the prisoner. With shouts and yells the determined men took the negro to the nearest tree. He was hanged to a forked limb, and his body ridged with bullets and horribly mangled. It was all over before 5 o'clock, and the small body of men who

CROWDS AT THE GHASTLY SCENE.

With the break of day crowds of people began to throng the street leading to the scene of the latest tragedy. Dangling at the end of a small hemp rope was the dead body of the negro. His face was bloody, distorted and swollen. A load of snot had been fired into his back, literally tearing his coat to pieces. The rope was tied in a regulation hangman's knot, and the negro's feet were well above the ground.

Coroner Gray and a jury repaired early to the scene of the lynching, and after reviewing the body of the dead man, rendered a verdict that the negro came to his death at the hands of persons unknown.

to them.

After the inquest the officers were ordered to take charge of the body, but the surging mass of

men which had by this time assembled would not let them touch him. A coal cart passing near by was pressed into service and the body thrown into it. It was then hauled to Mayor Trout's home, on Campbell-ave., it apparently being the intention to keep it on hand to be used in case of another riot.

intention of the mob to bury it in his front yard. At this critical moment the Rev. W. C. Campbell appeared upon the scene and told the mob that such proceedings would never do. He at last dissuaded them from carrying out their plan.

THE VICTIM'S BODY BURNED.

The body during this time had not been removed from the cart, so at the suggestion of some one in the crowd they took it over to the edge of the river to burn it. Fences were torn down

store boxes taken, and some one with an axe cut down several cedar trees near by. The dry wood was laid in a large pile, but arranged so that it would burn freely. On this heap the negro body was laid. On top of all the cedar boughs were thrown two gallons of coal oil.

It was not long before the crowd dispersed but all the morning men, and occasionally women were seen going toward the place of burning in squads of three to five. Every one seemed de-

sions of contributing to the blaze by throwing a twig or chip on it. All that remained of Smith at noon were a few ashes and here and there a bone, but the fire was still burning fiercely and those standing around said that it should burn until there was not a vestige re-

MAYOR TROUT FORCED TO FLY.
TAKEN FROM THE CITY FOR FEAR OF MO
VENGEANCE—QUIET AT LAST RESTORED.

Roanoke, Va., Sept. 21.—As a result of the armed conflict last night between the authorities and a large number of men who attempted to force the doors of the jail and take therefrom Robert Smith, the negro who made the assault upon Mr.

Lishop yesterday morning, eight men are dead and more than twenty-five seriously wounded, some of them fatally.

terminated men with him were freely expressed by their friends, as the indignation of the mob seemed especially directed toward him and the soldier. While the crowd was making preparations for the second assault, the militia were disbanded and

went to their homes. Mayor Trout, who had been wounded in the foot, was first carried to the Ponce de Leon Hotel, but owing to the threats of the mob he was removed by his friends.

Fence de Leon Hotel, demanding the Mayor. They were assured by the clerk that Mr. Trout was not there, but were not satisfied until some of the leaders had made a thorough search of the premises. Not finding him the crowd went to Mayor

Acting Mayor R. A. Buckner has assumed charge of the city government and has suspended Chief Police Terry. Sergeant Griffin and Officer M.

Morris pending an investigation of their connection with the affair. A coroner's jury has been in session all day investigating the cause of the tragedy but as yet has not completed its labors. So far the evidence adduced severely censures the militia.

Lynchburg, Va., Sept. 21.—Mayor Trout, of Roanoke, arrived here at 10:30 o'clock to-night. He is suffering from a painful wound in the foot and declined to be interviewed.

ALABAMA'S GOVERNOR FOR THE MAYOR
HE SAYS EMPHATICALLY THAT HE WOULD
ORDER OUT THE STATE MILITIA TO SUP-
PORT THE ROANOKE AUTHORITIES

The news of the spirited stand for law and order which Mayor Trout, of Roanoke, Va., made in defense of a negro criminal against a mob bent on his destruction called forth most favorable comments yesterday by those who contrast with it the official inaction and riotous violence which have

South. Governor Thomas G. Jones, of Alabama, who arrived during the day at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, said: "Mayor Trout did right to call the militia and order them to fire upon the mob. An

man who approaches a jail for the purpose of taking out a prisoner to lynch him should be shot and killed, if necessary, to frustrate his lawless purpose. The Mayor should have the support of a man who believe in law and order.

that the mob has finally secured its victim, and compelled the Mayor and the militia to flee—what if I were Governor of Virginia, I would order the State militia, if necessary, and put the Mayor back in the town and in authority. The militia, who fired upon the mob—it is a shame that they are so unjustly treated. The militia is composed

mostly of young men, eager and earnest, who tra-
 and give up their time without recompense, a-
 then put their lives in peril—not as mercenary
 but as unselfish patriots in defence of their Sta-
 and its laws. And then, in return for this, to be
 driven from their homes—it is wrong, all wrong."

STATE TROOPS READY FOR ACTION.
Richmond, Va., Sept. 21.—General Charles J. Anderson, brigade commander of the Virginia force is in communication with the authorities of Ro-

noke, and the troops of this city are practical under arms, the officers of the 1st Virginia Regiment, the Blues and the Howitzers, having been ordered by him to hold themselves ready for duty. No further trouble is anticipated, but the action taken by General Anderson is a precautionary one.
